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## CATTLE ON FEED

### ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 240,000 head as of May 1, 2015. The latest inventory was virtually even with last month's inventory but 13 percent below May 1, 2014. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 24,000 head of fed cattle during April 2015, up 14 percent from the previous month but down 4 percent from the April 2014 marketings. An estimated 24,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April 2015, 4 percent below last month and 8 percent below the April 2014 placements of 26,000 head. Other disappearance for April 2015, at 1,000 head, was 5,000 head below last month but no change from last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on May 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent above May 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.55 million, 5 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.48 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 240,000, 700-799 pounds were 348,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 640,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.64 million, 8 percent below 2014. April marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during April, 20 percent below 2014.

For a full copy of the May 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).